THE ETHICAL CHURCH

QUEEN'S ROAD, W.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on Sunday, October 28th, immediately after the Evening Service.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion to adopt Report and Cash Statements.
2. The Election of Officers:
   (*a*) President.
   (*b*) Hon. Auditor.
3. Election of 21 Members of Committee. The following persons are nominated for election:

*Butcher, Miss	*Edmiston, Mrs.	*Mann, Miss
*Clark, Mr. C. H.	*Edmiston, Miss	*Mann, Miss B.
*Coit, Dr.	*Gray, Dr.	*Moffat, Dr.
*Collins, Miss	Hall, Mr. Eric	*Prowse, Mr. R. O.
*Cridlan, Mr.	*Hill, Miss	*Radmar, Miss
*Dartnell, Miss	*Hinchley, Mr.	*Sainsbury, Mr. S. F.
*Dawn, Mr. A. F.	*Hinchley, Mrs.	*Winterbottom, Miss

* *Members of present Committee.*

REPORT, 1922-23.

OUR Members will be glad to learn that, through their ready and generous help to the Building Purchase Fund, it was possible in February last, by the payment of £400, to reduce the mortage on the Church property to £3,800. This mortgage is held as follows: £2,550 by the ground landlords at 6 per cent. per annum, and £1,250 at 5 per cent. per annum by one of our Members. As the capital sum of these mortgages, being so small in comparison with the value of the property, is not likely to be called in for some years, the Committee felt justified in ordering a new organ to replace our present poor and inadequate instrument, especially as they found that a very fine organ, although small, could be procured if they were able to raise £1,500. A generous Member, learning of this circumstance, offered to lend £1,500 at 5 per cent. interest per annum, the Committee agreeing to pay off annually, in addition to the interest, as much of the capital as possible, and promising to do their utmost to raise £200 per annum towards it. The lender has already advanced £500, and this has been paid to the Organ Builders. For 1923 we asked for £100, and promises for this amount came in by July 1, thus reducing the loan required to £1,400.

During the past year thirty-one new members have joined the Church, and fourteen have resigned. We have lost by death three Members—Baron de Bethune, Mrs. Ludwig Mond, and Miss F. K. Turnbull, who was for many years the untiring and devoted Hon. Secretary of the Choir, and a Member of the General Committee.

This year has been marked by two additional special services, the celebration of All Nations' Day on November 12, the date nearest to Armistice Day, and the Watch Night Service on December 31. It is hoped

to hold these services every year; the former to show our desire for friendly co-operation amongst all nations, and the latter in order to draw our Members closer together. Woman's Sunday was observed on February 4, when Dr. Coit spoke on "The New Freedom of Women," and Mrs. Swanwick on "A New Peace." On March 4 an alabaster mural tablet, presented by Baroness de Bethune in memory of her husband, was unveiled at the morning service; on March 18 an Ethical Scriptures Table, in memory of Mr. Raymond Edmiston, was dedicated, the beautiful woodcarving of which was designed and executed by Mr. Vernon Hill, and coloured by Mr. H. W. Taylor. On June 10, at the evening service, a Japanese National flag, the gift of His Excellency Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador, was presented to the Church by Mr. Gicho Nishisawa, Secretary of the Embassy, and the occasion was marked by the singing by five Japanese children of their National Anthem in their own language. On July 1 four little children were dedicated to the Good Life, and a special service for the receiving of New Members was held on July 8.

The custom of a Monthly Membership Supper was revived this Session in order to give Members an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other. Under a committee of six ladies, two of them acting as hostesses at each supper, nine suppers have been held, with an average attendance of seventy persons. Friends as well as Members were admitted to two of the suppers, and the attendances showed that the privilege was much appreciated.

The profits of the Bazaar held on December 2 amounted to £138 1s. 9d., and our hearty thanks are due to the ladies who, under their able and indefatigable Organisers, Mrs. Hinchley and Mrs. T. H. Hill, have made such a valuable contribution to the Funds of the Church.

The fortnightly Conferences on the Psychology of Religion, conducted by Dr. Coit, have been held throughout the Session, and the Conferences have been much appreciated. For the second year in succession the experiment of holding Sunday morning services in September was tried, and the congregations were good for the holiday season.

The meetings of the Friday Club have proved as popular as ever; and the excellent programme of lectures, concerts, dances, etc., has been much enjoyed by members and friends. The session closed with 71 names on the Membership Register. During the summer months rambles have been organised by a sub-committee of the Club, and many beautiful and interesting places in the Home Counties have been visited.

The Committee, being anxious to keep in touch with all who, as children, have ever been dedicated in our Church, held two Saturday afternoon parties for them during the year.

At the Sunday services, Dr. Coit has spoken for us 41 times. The other lecturers have been Mr. Noel Burke (once), Mr. Percival Chubb (twice), Mr. Hamilton Fyfe (3 times), Mr. Golding (3 times), Dr. G. P. Gooch (twice), Dr. Gray (once), Mr. Walter Hogg (6 times), Mr. Prince Hopkins (once), Lady Horsley (once), Mr. Laurence Housman (once), Mr. J. J. Murphy (3 times), Rev. F. I. Paradise (once), Dr. Pelizzi (twice), Mr. Prowse (once), Dr. Saleeby (twice), Mr. Kennedy Scott (once), Mr. Siddle (4 times), Mr. G. A. Smith (4 times), Mr. Dimsdale Stocker (9 times), Mrs. Swanwick (twice), and Dr. Walter Walsh (once).

THE ETHICAL CHURCH.

A.—GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT.

Cash Statement for the Period, August 1st, 1922, to July 31st, 1923.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To balance in hand, August 1, 1922	73	0	4
„ Petty Cash „ „ „	2	10	10½
„ Subscriptions	237	17	0
„ Collections	201	1	2
„ Rents	210	10	0
„ Pew Rents	18	18	0
„ Proceeds from Bazaar	138	1	9
„ Donations	2	17	0
„ Refunds for Gas, Gas Fittings, etc.	16	17	3½
„ Sundry Receipts	1	6	8½
	£903	0	1½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Arrears of Honorarium	64	15	0
„ Organist, Cantor, and Quartette	237	10	0
„ Tuning (Organ & Pianos) and Organ Blowing	17	17	6
„ Heating (including installation of Radiators, etc.) and Lighting	120	16	7
„ Insurances and Rates	27	13	5
„ Advertising	23	13	6
„ Printing and Stationery	26	5	11½
„ Postage	18	5	7½
„ Telephone	16	4	4
„ Housekeeper	74	2	0
„ "The Humanist"	13	13	2
„ Payment to Building Purchase Fund from Bazaar Proceeds	50	0	0
„ Repairs	85	18	10
„ Gardening, Odd Jobs, and Window Cleaning	24	10	3
„ Sundry Payments	20	18	3½
„ Petty Cash	14	4	1½
„ Bank Charges	0	17	6
Cash in Bank, July 31, 1923	66	10	8
Petty Cash in hand, July 31, 1923	0	3	5
	£903	0	1½

B.—PAMPHLET FUND ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	3	10	0	By Printing	3	10	0

C.—THE BUILDING PURCHASE FUND ACCOUNT

for the Period, August 11th, 1922, to August 10th, 1923.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, August 11, 1922	117	1	9
„ Donations	514	2	0
„ Balance of Macartney Legacy	10	7	0
„ Interest to December 31, 1922	4	3	0
	£645	13	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By 3rd Instl. Purchase Money for Church Property	400	0	0
„ Interest on Mortgage for £4,200, 6 months at 6 per cent., paid February 10, 1923	126	0	0
„ Legal Expenses	8	6	11
„ Interest on Mortgage—6 months, at 6 per cent., on £2,550; 95 days, at 6 per cent. on £1,250; 86 days at 5 per cent. on £1,250, paid August 10, 1923	110	15	0
„ Balance in hand	0	11	10
	£645	13	9

D.—ORGAN FUND for Period, March to July 31st.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Donations for 1923	75	14	0
„ „ „ 1924	8	15	0
„ „ „ 1924-26	7	10	0
	£91	19	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Deposit in Bank	91	19	0
	£91	19	0

I certify that I have examined these accounts, and that the Vouchers have been presented to me, and that they are correct.

October 6, 1923.

G. Farewell Jones.

Beatrice Mann, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

BALANCE SHEET, BAZAAR ACCOUNT, 1922.

MRS. T. H. HILL, *Hon. Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
By Loans	43	0	0
„ Loan Cards	35	14	3
„ Gifts	2	5	0
„ Collecting Cards	3	13	6
„ Teas and Sale of Materials	1	15	3
„ Sales previous to Bazaar	18	10	5
„ Interest on this amount...	0	3	3
„ Takings at Bazaar ...	165	14	2
„ Tickets sold previous to Bazaar	3	17	0
„ Refund on unused Entertainment Stamps ...	0	5	3
Additional Sales	21	11	1
	£296	9	2

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By purchase of Materials, and Entertainment Stamps, and Printing	76	0	10
„ Postage and Sundries ...	1	3	10
„ Repayment of Loans ...	43	0	0
„ Repayment of Loan Cards	35	14	3
„ Suppers for Entertainers	0	13	6
„ Prizes	0	11	0
„ Fee to Mrs. O'Gorman (Wizard)	1	4	0
„ Cheque to Committee, December 11, 1922 ...	135	0	0
„ Cheque to Committee, February 11, 1923 ...	3	1	9
	£296	9	2

The foregoing accounts have been checked by me, and as far as possible all Vouchers for the various receipts and expenditures have been produced, and I am satisfied that the Balance Sheet as above shows a correct statement.

March 2, 1923. CUTHBERT H. CLARK.

SUPPERS ACCOUNT.

MISS E. RADMAR, *Hon. Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Supper Fees and Sundry Receipts	72	14	10
	£72	14	10

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Food and Cooking	50	16	11
„ Capital Outlay	17	4	3
„ Laundry	1	9	8
„ Registry Fee	0	10	6
„ Balance	2	13	6
	£72	14	10

October 11, 1923. Audited and found correct. CUTHBERT H. CLARK.

RELIGIOUS PSYCHOLOGY GROUP ACCOUNT.

MISS A. M. COLLINS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	1	9	7
To Entrance Fees	9	14	0
	£11	3	7

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Voluntary Rent	5	5	0
„ Purchase of Books ...	2	5	0
„ Balance in hand	3	13	7
	£11	3	7

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List of Contributors to the Organ Fund

to July 1st, 1923.

	£	s.	d.
Drew, Miss	10	0	0
Hall, Mrs.	10	0	0
Cridlan, Mr. £5 5s.	10	10	0
Cridlan, Mrs., £5 5s. ...			
Fulcher, Miss, £5 5s. ...	10	5	0
Saxton, Miss, £5			
Gray, Dr., £5 5s.	10	10	0
Dixon, Miss, £1 1s.			
Ford, Mrs., £1 1s.			
Hinchley, Mr. £1 1s.			
Hyde, Mrs., £ 1 1s.			
Monat, Mrs., £1 1s.			
Dixson, Mr. W. H., £3 15s.	10	0	0
Draper, Mr., £1			
Draper, Mrs., 10s.			
Frecker, Miss, £1			
Loeffler, Miss, £2			
Rider, Mr. A., £1 15s. ...			
Moffat, Dr., £5	10	0	0
Prowse, Mr., £5			

	£	s.	d.
Clarke, Miss, 10s. 6d. ...	10	8	2
Durran, Mr., £1			
Hill, Mr. V., 5s.			
Hubbard, Mr., £2			
Johnson, Mr., 10s.			
Keith, Dr., £1 14s.			
Smallwood, Mr., £1			
Wackrill, Mr., 2s.			
Dis. on 1st Instal., paid in advance, £3 6s. 8d.... ...			
Andrews, Miss, £2 2s ...	10	4	0
Anon., 5s.			
Blew, Mrs., £1 1s.			
Horner, Mr. and Mrs., £2 2s.			
Porter, Miss. 10s. 6d. ...			
Sainsbury, Miss, 10s. 6d. ...			
Sainsbury, Mr., £1 1s. ...			
Sainsbury, Mr. S. F., £1 1s.			
Scrine, Miss, £1 1s.			
"Vox Humana," 10s. ...			
Collins, Miss, £5	8	2	10
Cridlan, Mr. R., £1 1s. ...			
Davidson, Miss, £1			
Joseph, Mr. and Mrs., £1 ...			
Anon., 1s. 10d.			
	£100	0	0